

CHAPTER

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Hinowa ga CRUSH!

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CHAPTER 4



FIRST BATTLE



Hinowa **CRUSH!**

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WHY ARE
THE MEN
IN OUR
FAMILY
SUCH
MUTTS?



THE
GREAT
KUME-
HACHI-
SAMA IS
GOING TO
WAR.



NO WAY
IN HELL
AM I
LEADING
A LIFE
LIKE THAT?

YOU LOSE
WANT LITTLE
MONEY YOU
HAVE MAKING
PISS-POOR
GAMBLES
AND ARE
KILLING YOUR
BODY
WITH CHEAP
LIQUOR.

THE
LAST
THING
I WANT
TO END
UP LIKE
IS YOU.

YOU
DON'T
EVEN
HAVE
DREAMS.

WHAT?



GO
AND GET
YOURSELF
FILLED
FOR ALL
I CARE!



IN YOUR
DREAMS?

YOU
REALLY
THINK
YOU'RE
GONNA
MAKE IT
END IN
BATTLE
AND
RIDE
IN THE
WORLD
IF







YOU
SUFFERED
SERIOUS
INJURIES. BE
PATIENT UNTIL
YOU'VE FULLY
RECOVERED.



THEY'RE
EXCITED,
BUT THAT'S
PROBABLY
ONLY
BECAUSE
THEY DON'T
REALIZE THE
HORRORS
OF WAR.



YOU
LOOK
LIKE YOU
WISH TO
FOLLOW
HINOWA
AND HER
FRIENDS

...
KAME.



I HOPE
THEY
SUCCEEDED
IN DISTIN-
GUISHING
THEM-
SELVES
OUT THERE.



SCORING
THOSE
KIDS HAVE
KILLED
PIRATES
BEFORE.

THIS IS BY
NO MEANS
THEIR FIRST
EXPERIENCE
WITH WAR.



ACCORDING
TO THE LAWS
OF THE SOUGAI
NATION, THE
AVERAGE
SOLDIER IS
CALLED
A FOOT
SOLDIER.



A
GENERAL
LEADS 100
TO 200 FOOT
SOLDIERS
AND THEIR
CAPTAINS.

AND ABOVE
THAT...THOSE
THOUSANDS OF
SOLDIERS ARE
LED BY THE
COMMANDER.



GROUPS
OF FOOT
SOLDIERS
IN THIRDS
OR FOURS
ARE
BOUND
TOGETHER
BY A
CAPTAIN.

THAT WAS
HINOKI'S
MOTHER'S
RANK.



AND THE
LAST IS
COMMANDER.

BUT
ACHIEVING
THE TITLE OF
COMMANDER
BY ORTHODOX
METHODS...

...REQUIRES A
CONSIDERABLE
AMOUNT OF
HEROIC
ACHIEVEMENT.



SO THE
FIRST
RANK TO
AIM FOR IS
CAPTAIN...

OF
COURSE
...

...THOSE
NUMBERS
ARE ONLY
ROUGH
ESTIMATES.



IF THEY
ARE A BAD
EGG, IT WILL
BRING
HARDSHIP.

IT'S
IMPORTANT
WHICH
COMMANDER
YOU HAVE.



...AND
LASTLY,
YOU NEED
LUCK.



...WHY
CERTAIN
PEOPLE
RISE TO
SUCH
POSITIONS
OF POWER.

...ANYWHERE
YOU GO, YOU
WILL FIND
MANY WHO
QUESTION
...

THE
SOUKAI
NATION IS
A GOOD
COUNTRY,
BUT...



...HINOWA.



MY
MOTTO
IS "LOOK
BEFORE
YOU
LEAP."

THE
TENROU
NATION IS A
BUNCH OF
WILD, UNRULY
DOGS...WHICH
WE WILL
CALMLY
PACIFY.



MY
NAME
IS MA-
RUGE.

YOU
SHOULD BE
HONORED
TO HAVE
BEEN
ENLISTED
IN MY
UNIT.

SOGOKI
NATIONAL
COMMANDER
MARUGE



I SET HE
BECOMES A
MONSTER
ON THE
BATTLEFIELD.

HEY.

THIS
COMMANDER
STRIKES ME
AS AWFULLY
WEEK.



MARUGE-
SAM!

I'M GOING TO
DISTINGUISH
MYSELF IN
SERVICE
UNDER THIS
MAN...!

THE
BATTLE HAS
ALREADY
BEGIN AT
SHIRANUI
FORTRESS.

AND
NOW WE
MARCH...!

HARIGI'S
ARMY OF
800...

...
GITS
OFF TO
WAR.

SHIRANUI
NATION

SHIRANUI
FORTRESS

TENROU
NATION

THAT'S
BECAUSE IT'S
THE ONLY
WAY FOR THE
TENROU TO
ENTER
SHIRANUI
TERRITORY.

SO WE'RE
HEADED TO
SHIRANUI
FORTRESS,
ARE WE?





AND I'VE ALSO ADOPTED MY MOTHER'S NAME — HINOKA.

YES!

SO YOU'VE JOINED THE WAR TOO, HAVE YOU.



HE SERVED UNDER MY MOM.

HE'S THE ONE WHO GOT ME HER EARRING AS A KEEP-SAKE.



WE SEEM TO BE STRAYING AWAY FROM SHIMANU PORTRESS, DON'T YOU THINK?

HENRY



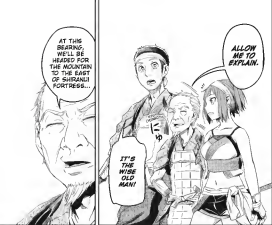
I SEE.

I WONDER IF SHE'LL BE OKAY... SHE IS STILL SO YOUNG.



WHAT IS IT?

WAIT, HENRY







A
SURPRISE
ATTACK
CAN'T BE
LAUNCHED
FROM
SOMEWHERE
PREDICT-
ABLE.

IF YOU
TAKE IT
UNLIKELY, LORD
SHOU, AS THE
STRATEGIST, THAT
MAKES SUCH A
TACTIC ALL
THE MORE
FEARSOME.



SO RATHER
THAN THE
MOUNTAINS
TO THE WEST,
YOU WANT TO
DEPLOY TO THE
STEEPER
MOUNTAINS
TO THE
EAST.



...
AHM.



HHMM...
I SEE.



IF THEY
TARGET
ANYTHING,
IT WILL
BE THE
DEFENSE-
LESS
EAST!

GIVEN THE GENTLE
SLOPES OF THE WEST,
THEY'RE ALREADY FULL
OF TRAPS, AND THE
MAJORITY OF THE
DEFENSIVE UNIT
IS STANDING ON
ALERT THERE.



I WOULDN'T
BE SURPRISED
IF THEIR TACTIC
INVOLVED
DISPATCHING
A DESPERATE
UNIT ALONG A
SIDE ROUTE...

SO WHY
ARE THE
TERRON
ATTACKING
AGAIN...

IF THEY
ATTACK FROM
THE SEA,
THEY'LL LOSE.
AND THEY
CAN'T
DEFEAT
SARRANG'S
FORTRESS.



PERFECT.
MY BATTLE
FORMATION
WILL STEER
ME WELL
CLEAR OF
DEATH.

MAN,
I AM
GOOD.



I APPROVE OF
YOUR BATTLE
FORMATION, LORD
MARUSE. IF THE
ENEMY COMES,
SLAY THEM.

OH,
GOOD!

VERY
WELL.



AT HOME,
I AM
PICKED
UP BY MY
MOTHER-
IN-LAW
AND WIFE.



I TRADED
THAT HELL
FOR THIS
POSITION AS
COMMANDER...
SO I'M NOT
ABOUT TO
GO GETTING
MYSELF
KILLED
NOW.

BECAUSE
WE'RE
CHILDLESS,
THEY TALK
ABOUT ME
BEHIND
MY BACK,
CALLING ME
IMPOTENT.



I MARRIED THE
DAUGHTER OF A
BIG SHOT, WHO
NOBODY ELSE
WOULD TOUCH...

...AND
BY TAKING
HER HAND, I
RECEIVED
THE RANK I
NOW HOLD.



I'M GOING
TO LIVE A
LONG LIFE.
AND AFTER
MY WIFE
DIES, I'LL
SURROUND
MYSELF
WITH
MISTRESSES!

THREE—NO,
FOUR OF
THEM!

IT WON'T
EARN ME ANY
ACCOLADES—
BUT IT ALSO
WON'T BURY
ME!



THAT'S WHY
I CHOSE
THE LEAST
DANGEROUS
PLACE TO
FIGHT.

THE
BATTLE FOR
US IS SIMPLY
CLIMBING
THIS
MOUNTAIN...

I...
I CAN'T
BELIEVE
WE'RE
FORMING UP
IN THIS
TREACHEROUS
PLACE.

WE'RE
GETTING
WORN
OUT AND
THE FIGHT
HASN'T
EVEN
STARTED.





YOU'RE
RIGHT...

SORRY.

THE ELDER
AND AKAME
SAID TO
NEVER BE
OFF YOUR
GUARD ONCE
IN BATTLE.



WE
MUST'VE
GOTTEN
THE
LOSING
LOTTERY
TICKET.

SH,
HINO-
WA?



THE
ENEMY
WON'T
COME
HERE.



NOW WE
CAN JUST
ENJOY SOME
REST AND
RELAXATION
UNTIL THIS
FIGHT IS
OVER.

AFTER
ALL, THE
TENROU
NATION
CAN'T
SECURE
A FOOD
SUPPLY
FROM
HOME.

HAHAHA-
HAHA-
HAHA!





ENEMY
ATTACK!!

ENEMY
ATTACK
!!

OUT OF
HERE
WATER, HERE
YOU'RE
NOTHING
BUT SMALL
FISH, YOU
SHAMELESS
SOLDIERS



OW? YOU
WANT TO
TAKE US
ON RIGHT
HERE ON THE
MOUNTAIN?
THEN I
WON'T HOLD
BACK...



...KILLING
YOU—







SO THAT'S
WHAT YOU
MEANT.

SO YOUNG
AND
ALREADY
SO IMPRES-
SIVE!

YOU'RE
THE
SPITTING
IMAGE
OF YOUR
MOTHER
...



HEARING
YOU SAY
I'M THE
SPITTING
IMAGE OF MY
MOTHER...

...SUDDENLY
MAKES MY
STRENGTH
SOAR!!



IF
THERE'S A
DEFENSIVE
UNIT THERE,
ANNILATE
THEM.

KEEP
GOING.

TENROU
NATION
COMMANDER
YOMIARINE

TO BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT CHAPTER...!

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